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BAKERSFIELD BUSINESS MAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEITING DVD'S

FRESNO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DALJIT SINGH SIDHU, 42, of Bakersfield, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Fresno on one count of trafficking in counterfeit goods, three counts of trafficking in counterfeit labels and one count of criminal copyright infringement.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Cullers, who is prosecuting the case, DALJIT SIDHU is a co-owner of India Currency Exchange and Discount Mart, two businesses located at 250 White Lane, Bakersfield, California. The indictment alleges that DALJIT SIDHU trafficked in counterfeit DVD movies and labels for a period from December, 2005 through December, 2006. Specifically, the indictment alleges that the defendant sold and rented counterfeit DVD movies from Yash Raj Films, Inc., Video Sound and Spark Media, Inc.

DALJIT SIDHU faces up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 if convicted of trafficking in counterfeit goods. He faces up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000

if convicted on each count of trafficking in counterfeit labels, and he faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 if convicted of criminal copyright infringement. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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